Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

Department of Military Affairs | 2400 Wright Street | Madison, WI 53707

March 18, 2016

For more information: Tod Pritchard: 608-242-3324 or 608-219-4008

Lori Getter: 608-242-3239 or 608-516-0293

Severe Weather Update

Many communities across Wisconsin continue to deal with flooding from heavy rains that moved across the state earlier this week.

Summary of impacts:

East Central

Green Lake County – The Fox River is at flood stage in Berlin on Friday but no major flooding is anticipated.

Waupaca County – The Wolf River hit flood stage yesterday and will crest Monday and Tuesday. The Embarrass and Little Wolf rivers are at flood stage but receding.

West Central

Jackson County – Hatfield Hydro Dam remains at a Yellow Alert due to high water flows. This condition is not expected to result in damages or displacement of residents. The operator and DNR Dam Safety continue monitoring.

Northeast

Marathon County – County health officials are working with the Village of Marathon City to conduct water testing. There were several wells submerged during flooding.

Portage County – Dubay Dam is experiencing high river flow conditions. Several road washouts remain damage assessment is underway

Northwest

Price County – Emergency declaration continues. Officials are assess the damage.

Southwest

Columbia County – Substantial flooding is expected at the Wisconsin River at Portage this weekend. Department of Natural Resources staff have mobilize and will monitor the high water situation at the Caledonia-Lewiston Levee System. Flooding is expected to impact the area with a crest of 19.3 feet over the weekend. The Baraboo River and Fox River at Haynes Road are expected to cause minor flooding. Sandbags and sand are available at the Columbia County Highway Shop, 338 Wet Old Highway 16 in Wyocena. Columbia Correctional Institute inmates who provide assistance yesterday were no longer needed today. Flood kits will be available when waters recede at the Law Enforcement Center or Columbia County Emergency Management.

Columbia/Sauk – Kilbourn Dam is experiencing high river flow conditions.

Summary of Flood Warnings (by river):

The NWS has issued the following Flood Warnings:

- Black River from Black River Falls to Galesville
- Chippewa River at Eau Claire affecting Eau Claire County
- Chippewa River at Durand affecting Buffalo and Pepin Counties
- Eau Claire River near Fall Creek
- Embarrass River near Embarrass affecting Waupaca and Shawano Counties
- Fox River Near Berlin affecting Green Lake...Waushara and Winnebago Counties
- Little Wolf River at Royalton affecting Waupaca County
- Mississippi River (National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for Wabasha, MN but waiting on other points for now. Locations in Grant County along the Mississippi River will likely experience flooding next week as all the water from the Wisconsin River makes it down there).
- Wisconsin River at Castle Rock Dam
- Wisconsin River below Wausau affecting Marathon County
- Wisconsin River below Stevens Point affecting Portage County
- Wisconsin River below Whiting Dam affecting Portage County
- Wisconsin River below Biron Reservoir affecting Wood County
- Wisconsin River at Wisconsin Dells affecting Columbia County
- Wisconsin River at Portage affecting Columbia County
- Wisconsin River at Muscoda
- Wolf River near Shiocton affecting Outagamie, Shawano and Waupaca Counties
- Wolf River at New London affecting Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago Counties
- Yellow River at Necedah
- Yellow River at Babcock affecting Wood County

If you encounter a flooded area...turn around and find an alternate route. Turn Around...Do Not Drown.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will update this information as it comes in. Updates can also be found at: http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin) and Instagram (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin).

###